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SOURCE:

1. A review of the capital investments planned to expand the dynamo sheet production of Blechwalzwerk Olbernhau was undertaken upon orders of State Secretary Richard Goschuetz of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting. The aim of the review was to determine whether it would be possible to advance the terminal dates of the investment program in order that the production of dynamo sheet might be accelerated by the end of 1953. This review revealed that the capital investment projects could not be essentially speeded up to affect 1953 production.
2. The causes for the inability to speed up the investment plans at the Olbernhau rolling mill, as revealed by the review, were as follows:
 - a. Contracts let by Olbernhau for the delivery of production equipment would not be filled early enough to affect 1953 production.
 - b. A major portion of the work which would have to be undertaken to expand production facilities at Olbernhau was of such a nature (rebuilding of furnaces, rolling mill power unit - Walzenstrassenantrieb -, and mounting of crane), that normal production would have to be interrupted.
 - c. The filling of the investment plan at Olbernhau, and the expansion of production facilities there, were contingent upon the completion of the investment projects of the Main Department for Power (HV-Energie) of the State Secretariat for Power and Coal. Contained in the investment program of HV Energie is the construction of a 30 kw. overhead transmission line to the Olbernhau mill, necessary to supply the increased power-needs of the new equipment to be installed at Olbernhau.
3. The following are the investment projects planned for the Olbernhau Blechwalzwerk:
 - a. The three-high rolling-mill train (3-gerüst. Trafostrasse) is in urgent need of a second power unit. An order for a spur wheel drive assembly

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